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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

LI GONG, et al.

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: **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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RESPONSE

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 28, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A method for providing communication protocol[-] layer independent security for data transmitted between a first process, executing on a first network node, and a second process, executing on a second network node, wherein the first network node and the second network node each support at least one common communication protocol layer, the method comprising the steps of:

a) establishing a communication channel between the first network node and the second network node;

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